

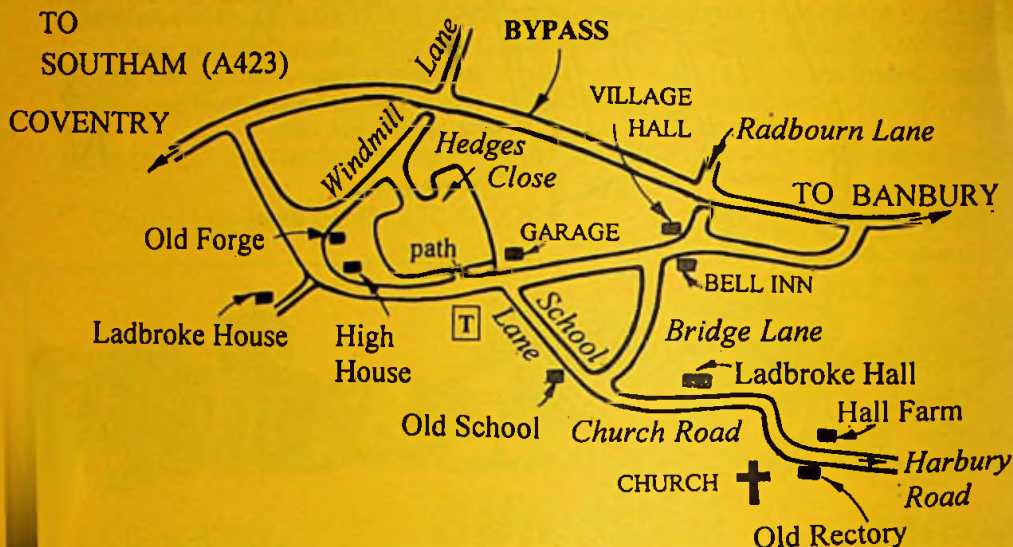
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**JULY 1999**

**No. 304**

Congratulations go to two members of our community who have achieved notable success this month. Philip Bushill-Matthews has been elected as a Member of the European Parliament and Councillor John Drinkwater has been awarded the MBE for his long term service to the Harbury Parish Council.

The July edition of the magazine always celebrates the success of the Carnival and it has been difficult to select a sample of photographs from the large number which were submitted for publication. Many of those who donned bright costumes for the parade have been featured in full page colour displays in the local press. Unfortunately, although the H&L News has gone 'on line', we do not have the technology to reproduce our illustrations in colour! For the record, there were 65 'hits' to our website during the past month and we hope for continued success with the latest edition.

There has been considerable activity on the west site of the village with the major civil engineering project undertaken by Laing for Transco. The pipeline crossing our parish will carry gas from the East coast to the South West of England. The line of pipes which has gradually appeared in the past few weeks, will eventually be buried, so that no trace will be evident on the surface.

As many villagers now appreciate, ferrets race along tunnels, but we do



Photo by Neville Ellis - Pipe laying in progress

not anticipate that a super breed will be found for next year's Carnival to take advantage of any redundant pipes left over after the excavations have ceased!

We are pleased to report that Sue Graydon has taken over as Advertising Manager. We would also encourage organisations to send details about proposed events for inclusion in the Diary to Linda Ridgley. It is particularly important to notify her of planned Millennium events in order to prevent any clash of dates.

Finally, we offer our sympathy to the families of Joan Clarke, Bill Collins, Vera Newbery, Lionel Reeve and Sheila Smith.

## Harbury Diary

### JULY

- |       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| Sun   | 4 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - Sung Eucharist 9am; Sunday School 10.30am  |
| Tues  | 6 | Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm<br>Holy Communion 7.30pm Requiem in memory of Joan Clarke  |
| Wed   | 7 | Mothers' Union Garden meeting & AGM at Rectory 2.30pm   |
| Thurs | 8 | Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm<br>Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm<br>WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm |
| Fri   | 9 | Harbury Primary School Summer Fair on School Fields 4.30pm  |

- Sat 10 Horticultural Society OPEN GARDENS 11am - 6pm  
NSPCC Dance in Village Hall  
Harbury Blues Festival at Rugby Club 4pm 'til late
- Sun 11 **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am  
Horticultural Society OPEN GARDENS  
Choral Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket home to Lighthorne
- Tues 13 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Prayer Group 8pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm  
Village Hall Committee meeting in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am  
**ADVERTS to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street by 5.30pm**  
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10pm (Beginners 7.30-8pm) £2.50  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm
- Fri 16 Newspaper collection
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
PTA Beer Walk  
Songs for a Summer's Evening in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm  
Cricket home to Bell VVE
- Sun 18 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am  
Family Communion 10.30am
- Mon 19 Bus passes distributed in Village Hall 2-4pm
- Tues 20 Bus passes distributed in Village Hall 2-4pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm  
Senior Citizens' Committee meeting in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club outing  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm  
Parochial Church Council in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
- Sat 24 Cricket home to Newbold
- Sun 25 **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket home to Shilton
- Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group in Tom Hauley Room 8pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm
- Fri 30 Newspaper collection  
**ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**

## AUGUST

- Sun 1 **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket home to Anyho



**Please note**

**Adverts to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE  
TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

<b>For Scout Hut Bookings</b>	<b>Mr. R. Flanagan</b>	<b>613612</b>
<b>For Tom Hauley Room Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Stubbs</b>	<b>612782</b>
<b>For Village Hall Bookings</b>	<b>Mr. P. Winchester</b>	<b>614466</b>
<b>For Wight School Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Hayes</b>	<b>613488</b>

**REGULAR DIARY DATES**

**APPALACHIAN STEP DANCING:** (612734) Wight School, Saturdays  
10:00am-12:00noon

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Mondays (Club) 7:00-9:00pm;  
Tuesdays (League) 8:00-10:00pm;  
Friday (Ladies) 2:00-3:00pm;  
Sunday (Mixed) 7:00-10:00pm

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

**BROWNIES:** Village Hall Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays

**DANCING CLASSES:** (01789-842242) Farley Room Village Hall, Children &  
Adults Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, 6:00-7:00pm

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 2nd Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:** (613358) Saturdays 10:30am-  
12:30pm

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays  
8:00-10:00pm

**HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** School, Monday-Friday 9:00am-  
12:00noon; Mondays & Wednesdays 12:45pm-3:15pm

**HARBURY Pre-SCHOOL:** Wight School, High St. Tuesday-Friday 9:15am -  
12:15pm

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 613174

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 1st Tues (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

**KEEP FIT (Bodywise):** (495368) Harbury School Fridays 6:30-7:30pm

**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;  
Thursdays 10am-1pm; 2:00 - 5:00 & 5:30 - 7:00pm;  
Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 1st Thursday of Month;  
Term Time only 10:00am

**NETBALL CLUB:** (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays  
6:30pm; Matches Saturday Afternoon

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

**TENNIS CLUB:** (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm  
for April); Sat 2:00-5:00pm, Mon & Wed 1:45-3:00pm

**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, last Friday of Month 8:00pm

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Farley Room of V.Hall 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month  
2:30pm

**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Mon.10:00-11:30am & Wed. 1:30-  
3:00pm

**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm

**YOGA:** Wight School, 7:30-9:30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

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### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:  
Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

*Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised  
times on special occasions.*

**Rector:** Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury  
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## Laugh Line

A nun driving her jeep in the Middle East, ran out of petrol. The only container she could find was a chamber pot in which she collected petrol and with great difficulty refilled the jeep. Some sheikhs looking on observed: *Sister, we don't share your religion, but we admire your faith.*

## FROM THE RECTOR

### *Rest and be Thankful*

We all need a break from time to time. Our bodies need rest and our spirits need encouragement. Here are some thoughts which have helped and refreshed many people. They were found in an old church in America many years ago.

*Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.*

*Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all avidity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many years are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars.*

*You have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be and whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham and drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.*

**Fr. Roy**



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### *Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury*

<i>13<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Liam Charles</i>
<i>20<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Harry Peter Alastair Falconer</i>

### *Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Ladbroke*

<i>12<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Neil Porter to Louisa Berry</i>
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### *Funerals - All Saints' Harbury*

<i>1<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>Vera Newbery</i>
<i>17<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Sheila Smith</i>

### *Funerals - All Saints' Ladbroke*

<i>17<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Bill Collins</i>
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### *Funerals - Oakley Wood*

<i>15<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Lionel Reeve</i>
<i>16<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Joan Clarke</i>

## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Family Service is a regular, monthly feature of the worship at All Saints' Harbury. On the third Sunday of each month the 10.30am service is a shortened version of Holy Communion. It includes a presentation by a member or members of the congregation (which is pre-arranged), to whom we are most grateful, aimed at and including younger members. In addition, some of the music is played by our 'Jubilate' group - comprising a talented ensemble of youngsters supported by a small number of adults, and accompanying the choir.

The purpose of the Family Service is to encourage families with younger children to come together at an act of worship with a lighter flavour and a brisker pace. Usually attended by a congregation of over 100, it is the

most popular of the regular services - and not only with the younger people. Everyone is most welcome.

To round off the Garden Walkabout weekend, a Choral Evensong will be featured at 6.30pm on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. The regular choir will be augmented by several adults under the direction of Clive Watts - again, all are welcome.

**Ruth and John**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Afternoon meeting: Our afternoon meeting started with a service of Holy Communion led by Fr. Roy. This was followed by Christine from The Samaritans telling us about the work they do. The Samaritans are all volunteers and must be caring and good listeners. Every year they help hundreds of people who are troubled or even suicidal. They are on call 24 hours every day of the year and give their support to anyone who needs it. To contact the local branch, telephone 01789 298866. We finished the afternoon with a prayer and tea.

Evening meeting: Our speaker was Hazel Sharples from Ladbroke who gave a graphic account of life in the Cairo Women's Refuge. The refuge is based in Cairo Cathedral and has for the last 20 years been helping to care for refugees from Southern Sudan. The local M.U. plays an active part in this project, providing meals as well as a safe haven for approximately 200 people each week. More funds are desperately needed and anyone who would like to know more, should contact Hazel on 813736.

As mentioned in a previous report, three of our members attended the Internet Course in June, and found it most interesting and informative - not quite ready to 'surf without a lifejacket' just yet, but now a little less confused by the terminology and jargon which are becoming so much a part of everyday life.

Next meetings: **Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> July** - 2.30pm - AGM & Garden meeting  
**Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Walk and Supper

**Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore**

## TODDLERS' SERVICE

At our June service, as part of the series on 'Toys', we talked about our cuddly toys and how we care for them. We sang *Jesus' love is very wonderful* with actions, and then heard the story of the shepherd who cared for his sheep and rescued the lost one. We heard that Jesus loves us in the same way. After singing *Jesus loves me*, we made cardboard and cotton wool sheep to take home.

The next service will be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** at 2.15pm.

**C. Mary Catt**

## HARBURY BELL RINGERS

We would like to remind everyone that you are welcome to visit the church tower during the Open Gardens weekend on **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July**. Climb the stone stairs to the ringing chamber and up again to see the bells or climb right to the top for the wonderful view of the village.

On Saturday we have a visiting team of ringers who will be ringing at 10:00am before the tower is opened at 11:00am. The tower will be open on Sunday afternoon until 5:30pm.

**Nora Ellis**

# Ladbroke News

## JULY

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| Sun   | 4  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - Family Communion 10.30am  |
| Sun   | 11 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - Sung Communion 9am<br>W.I. BBQ at Roger and Anne Edwards 12noon |
| Wed   | 14 | Holy Communion 2pm   |
| Thurs | 15 | <b>ADVERTS to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street, Harbury by 5.30pm</b>                                   |
| Sun   | 18 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - Sung Communion 9am<br>Children's Church 10.30am; Evensong 6pm   |
| Tues  | 20 | PCC meeting at the Old Rectory 8.15pm  |
| Thurs | 22 | W.I. at Village Hall 7.30pm  |
| Sun   | 25 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion 9am  |
| Fri   | 30 | <b>ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm</b>  |

## AUGUST

- |     |   |   |
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| Sun | 1 | 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - Family Communion 10.30am |
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## LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

11 <sup>th</sup> July	Maria Sopwith	1 <sup>st</sup> August	Sylvia Clews
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Catherine Spence	8 <sup>th</sup> August	Beryl Ross
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Sylvia Clews		

## LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

I am sure everyone is aware of the repairs that are taking place at the church. We are at the stage of 'things will have to get worse before they get better'. We managed to get the church reasonably clean for Neil and Louisa's wedding on 12<sup>th</sup> June. The flowers, incidentally, are still looking lovely.

Joe Collins was also saying how his father Bill would have been laughing at his coffin being manoeuvred around the scaffolding to get to his grave, having been a builder himself. Thank you to all concerned, both at the wedding and the funeral, for accepting the inconveniences with such understanding.

As I write, the church clock is being re-gilded and is beginning to look very smart. Many thanks to Gill Moore for organising and to Jane and David Rutherford for having the Friends of Ladbroke Church to lunch on 20<sup>th</sup> June. The food was delicious, the hospitality generous and the fellowship, as usual, great fun.

The Children's Church is being supported very well. If all the children that attend all came on the same Sunday, I estimate there would be an attendance of about 15 - great.

We are talking of having an outing in August. More next month, perhaps Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - take a picnic to somewhere like Draycote Water, or Burton Dassett Hills, but please let me have your ideas.

**Betty Winkfield**

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We have begun our meetings again along the lines that Michael Short was guiding us. We plan to meet once a fortnight on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. We are holding the meetings at Elsa Greenway's at the moment, the next one will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We are reading Saint Mark's

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Gospel and have got a book to guide us, with some questions to keep us thinking.

If you feel you would like to learn a bit more about the bible, I assure you there is nothing off-putting to frighten you about these meetings, please come and join us. We are not racist, ageist, sexist or any 'ist' at all.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP**

We had our outing in June. Eight of us went out to lunch in Gaydon and afterwards had a walk round Upton House and Gardens. We were blessed with a lovely sunny day, as usual! Several of us just sat in the shade in the lovely garden and 'put the world to rights'.

Next month our meeting will be at Hazel Sharples' home: 5, Ladbroke Hall after Communion in Church at 2:00pm, where she will be telling us more of the boy we are sponsoring at the Sudanese Refuge in Cairo.

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August** we will have our tea party. The venue is still to be arranged - full details in next month's H&L News.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. (May and June)**

The May meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. The President, Mrs. Susan Moore took the chair. After the business she welcomed and introduced Mrs. Lynne Stubbings, the retired County Chairman, who had attended to explain the Resolutions to us. Votes were then counted for our Delegate to take forward to the National Meeting. Wine, coffee and a wonderful assortment of savoury and sweet refreshments, provided by the members, were served. The raffle prizes were won by Sue Rayner and Jill Norgate.

Seven members joined the County long weekend on the Isle of Wight in May. It was a busy time and most enjoyable. Even the weather was kind to us. Several members and one husband went to Woburn Abbey on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was the best day of the week and we were able to picnic in the grounds and have a very interesting tour of the Abbey. There is a very good pottery shop and a wonderful display of antiques in the stable

block together with the usual gift shops.

Short Mat Bowls night is still held on alternate Tuesdays at Harbury Club. It is a great social evening and all members are welcome.

The June meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. The President welcomed our visitors, especially one gentleman, who was particularly interested to hear the speaker Mrs. Mary Clegg, whose talk was to be 'Journey on a troop ship to New Zealand.

Future dates and events were discussed in particular:

- A BBQ at the home of Roger and Anne Edwards on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July** at 12:00noon to raise funds. Adults £6, Children £2.
- An invitation to members to an Open Meeting from Warmington W.I. to be held in their Village Hall on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at 7:30pm. The talk will be on The Body Shop.
- An outing to be arranged for **August 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- A Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August**, to be hosted by ourselves.

After the business, the President would have liked to have welcomed Mrs. Clegg, but unfortunately she did not appear. However, all was not lost, as Mrs. Anne Perkins, the President of Southam W.I. was present and very kindly stepped into the breach. She had been our delegate at the National meeting held at the Albert Hall where she had put forward our votes.

She was pleased to report that the majority of delegates voted in favour of all the Resolutions and informed us all that she had had a most enjoyable time. The Raffle prizes were won by our President, Mrs. Susan Moore, Julie Harris and Jan Loman.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** at 7:30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall, where the speaker will (hopefully) be Mrs. Stella Douglas on the History of Knitting.

The hostesses will be Julie Harris and Jenny Barratt.

*New members and visitors always welcome.*

**Marie Kennedy**

## **LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL**

Bank Holiday at the end of last month caught me out with the earlier date for inclusion, so we now have two months' results.

The fourth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club for 1999 was held at the Bell Inn on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The prizes were increased this month as membership has now moved into the next band.

The winners were: B & M Whitehouse £90; Pat Kennedy £50; Gill Moore £25; Sheene Healey £25. The £10 winners were C. McBristol, B & M Whitehouse, Carol Northorpe, Trevor Surgey and Jill Norgate.

The fifth prize draw for 1999, was also held at the Bell Inn on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Winners were: Hylde Overall £90; M. Theaker £50; Jenny Barratt £25; Anne Edwards £25; Peter West, Kim Ryan, Sylvia West, Linda Spence and N. Beecroft each won £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at the Bell Inn at 8:00pm.

A last reminder about paying for the next six months (£30) ASAP please. Members paying by standing order are not affected.

*New members are always welcome to help maintain the Village Hall.*

**Catherine Spence**

## **LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL - COMMITTEE**

The Village Hall committee have purchased new fabric to brighten up the windows in readiness for the new millennium. If anyone feels that they can help in making a pair of curtains, please contact me on 612207.

**Susan Moore**

## **LABROKE MILLENNIUM GREEN UPDATE**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April gave us the first chance to do some further work on the Millennium Green. After a prolonged wet Winter and early Spring a spell of dry weather gave us the window of opportunity to excavate the route of the footpath. Twelve volunteers descended onto the Green during the course of the day. Cliff Davies operated his JCB whilst Peter West was on hand with his dumper truck to move spoil to form the wildflower mound. The work went on well into the evening and was



completed just before 8:00pm during a spell of yet more heavy rain. Thank you to all the volunteers, it was a sterling effort. My thanks also go to Charles Winkfield who recently cut the grass on the Green.

Tender documentation, including a modified specification for the proposed Works, is currently being prepared together with a short list of contractors. Tenders will be invited at the end of June with an anticipated start date of early August. The bulk of the Works will be completed within a 4-week period leaving the planting of trees, hedges and shrubs to be carried out in November.

The Grand Opening of the Millennium Green is scheduled to take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2000. It will be a day of celebration and festivities commencing at 11:00am with the opening ceremony, including the placing of the time capsule in the foundations of the Millennium Stone and will finish at 4:00pm or even later. There will be a programme of entertainment including Morris Dancers, childrens' games, together with refreshments.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, I represented Ladbroke at the Millennium Green's reception held in London at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre. The 256 Millennium Greens throughout the Country were represented. Speakers included: The Rt. Hon. Chris Smith MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; Ewen Cameron Chairman, Countryside Agency; Sir Ian Prosser Chairman of Bass, who are the sponsors. The Millennium Green initiative is clearly proving successful judging from the comments and enthusiasm shown by those attending the reception.

**David Halsall - Trustee Chairman**

## **SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **Ladbroke Section**

With the refusal of Tesco's out-of-town supermarket, Southam is once again on the brink of change or sink! Whatever one thinks of this decision, the result will affect Ladbroke and if you go back in time, one sees similar decisions also shape not only Southam, but Ladbroke as well.

Take the medieval markets, they were there for people to sell or exchange their excess food production or sell their crafts. In the 13<sup>th</sup>

Century, travelling on foot or if you were lucky enough, by horse and only occasionally by cart, one required the market to be within 5 miles. Ladbroke was lucky, it had a choice of going to Bishops Itchington one day of the week, Southam another day or Burton Dassett on a third.

The home production of food was essential and 3 acres was sufficient to comfortably feed the average family. Hence, when Robert Dudley sold his cottages off at the turn of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, many had a pocket of land with them. By this time, the hamlets surrounding Ladbroke were all deserted except for the shepherds and a few manor houses cum farmhouses, such as Hodnell. The loss of the medieval villages around Ladbroke also hastened the loss of surrounding markets, until Southam became the major market town.

Then, in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> Century the canals came, but due to disagreeable landowners around Southam, they bypassed the town and also Ladbroke!

In the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Ladbroke was well prepared for the railways, but lo and behold a landowner near Ladbroke objected and yes, the railways bypassed Southam and of course Ladbroke!

Southam did try to hold onto its coaching trade, which had to pass through Ladbroke on the way to Banbury or Kington. The road from Southam to Deppers Bridge did not exist then, but this was never enough and the lure of the railway eventually took the coaching trade away. The decline of Ladbroke's trades can be seen in 50 years of Victorian census records.

Then the invention of mechanical wheels at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century took away from Ladbroke to Southam what few trades were left. Today these wheels take everyone even further away, to Leamington or Banbury for their shopping and once again, Southam loses out and once again, this reflects on Ladbroke.

**Linda Doyle**

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 16<sup>th</sup> June**

The new council met at 7.45pm and were pleased to welcome Marion Grainger as a spectator.

A very successful meeting had been held between Peter Williamson and

a representative of Warwickshire County Council where an inspection of all the roads and footpaths in the village took place. As a result of this there is to be a phased programme of repairs which appears to cover all of the problem areas.

We are very grateful to the Teverson family and Geoff Timms whose efforts have secured the bench in Church Road.

The surface of the A423 along the bypass is appreciably better. The road is due to be de-trunked and will be 'put in good order' before it is taken over by the Highways Authority.

Mr. Norgate would like to make good the hedge and remove the footpath (which is not designated) which runs from the entrance to Ladbroke House towards Windmill Lane. There has been no interest so far in retaining this path, following the request from Peter in his chairman's address at the Village AGM. The work will be carried out after a further 4 weeks if there is still no concern.

**Carol Northorpe**

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## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - MAY 1999**

It appears that once you become a Parish Councillor, it is extremely difficult to step down from civic duties. Ron Grey had indicated his wish to leave the Council in May but had been re-appointed to represent Deppers Bridge by Stratford District Council as no one had come forward to succeed him. A date for the election of a Parish Councillor has been set for **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**. However, it is hoped to be able to 'head-hunt' someone before then and prevent the election unless there is more than one person willing to stand.

Following nominations, the Harbury Parish Council now consists of John Hunt (Chairman), Sharon Hancock (Vice Chairman), John Drinkwater, Ron Grey (awaiting replacement), Jenny Patrick, Ken Stephenson, Keith Thompson and Alan Wilkins. This leaves two members short for Harbury.

After recording their appreciation to the three members who had recently stepped down (Messrs. Holtom, Shelley and Woodward), the Council turned to the business of the evening.



The Youth Club, having been successfully reformed, had written to request the release of funds which the Parish Council had been holding as custodians from when the previous club had folded. This the Council was happy to do.

Cllr Doody reported that he had received around 40 letters concerning the forthcoming lifting of the temporary weight limit on the bridge in Deppers Bridge. The Council discussed the merits of asking Stratford District Council to make the limit permanent however, as Sharon Hancock pointed out, this left the lorries no option but to come along Station Road. The matter will be decided by Stratford District Council shortly.

Amended plans to 11, Bull Ring Lane were viewed which the Parish Council thought were an improvement.

The Royal Mail had written saying the post box by the Post Office was too small and was falling to bits. They want to replace it and the brick stand with a modern post box - *not another 'bomb' as was first installed in Farm Street*, Councillors were heard to say! The Royal Mail will be asked to send literature illustration on the styles of boxes available.

**John Holden**

## **HARBURY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1999**

Chairman John Hunt especially welcomed new Parish Cllr Jenny Patrick, District Cllr Daly, Jack Heath and Miss Lodge to the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr John Drinkwater made a point of thanking ex-District Cllr Booth for his efforts for the parish. Sharon Hancock thanked retiring Cllr John Woodward. She expressed concern at the time it took to resolve certain planning problems - the Water Tower application was now at appeal.

John Woodward reported that water pipes had been installed to the Allotments and the debate on replacing the large slide at the Playing Fields continued. Alison Hodge suggested that families with young children should be consulted and it was agreed to do this through the school and the nurseries.

Ken Stephenson commended the Hillside directional lighting but complained that Percival Drive *still looks like Heathrow*.

John Hunt said that despite paying for the new lighting, finances were healthy and he praised the efforts of the Village Design Statement group, pleased that the Parish only contributed £225 to printing. He thanked Bill Middleton, Chairmen and Councillors for their team efforts and was relieved to have found such an effective replacement Clerk.

Keith Thompson reported for the School Governors that the Ofsted recommendations were being implemented and the Literacy Hour was in place. A Numeracy Strategy began in the Autumn. Nigel Chapman was seconded as Acting Head to St. Peters school in Barford.

P.C. Bosworth reported that most of the 238 crimes reported on his beat (which stretches from Long Itchington, Stockton, Bascote, Ufton and Stoneythorpe through to Harbury, Chesterton and Bishops Itchington) were committed by "travelling criminals" and he urged all residents to report suspicious persons and vehicles.

Brian Ingram, Village Hall Chairman, reported that a Lottery Grant was sought for replacement doors and windows and the Theatre Group was organising a bid for new portable staging. A Millennium Steering Group had been formed and was also applying for a Lottery Grant for the Celebrations.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - June**

Just as I thought we would need forceps - out it popped! A decision: five to three in favour of the Tennis Court upgrading. As John Hunt said: *No-one can accuse the Parish Council of dealing with it in undue haste!* Feelingly, Sharon Hancock endorsed this: *in my thirty years in the village nothing has been so well exposed and discussed as this issue*, she told Bill Middleton who tried to argue against the improvements. John Woodward, who had extensively researched the project, had concluded that *from the available lights there are none better for these courts*, and he deplored the *entrenched attitudes* of some of the protagonists. However, he then claimed sports' developments only succeeded outside built up areas and suggested the Parish Council investigate funding to move organised sports from the Recreation Grounds. (No-one mentioned the huge housing development potential of the Playing Fields which must be worth millions!)

The Tennis/Netball consortium had amended, compromised and cut back their plans to try to accommodate the objectors. They had shown that they could attract more youngsters and would strictly control when the floodlights were used. They gave a detailed analysis of which householders would have a view of the lights and from what distance and promised trees to give some screening. Most of the residents' arguments centred on the lights, the potential noise nuisance and their resistance to change. Some Councillors were concerned that the Tennis Club in particular would have almost exclusive use of the courts and some worried about the cost of upkeep.

Those Councillors in favour stressed the need to provide facilities which encouraged children and adults to take more exercise. Mr. Alan Guy pointed out that additional housing had changed the village's profile, bringing in younger families who viewed sports and exercise as an essential part of their lifestyle. He was applauded for pointing out that recreation and organised sport gave positive evening activities for young people and helped to counter vandalism.

The race has only just begun. The Parish Council's approval is the first hurdle. The next obstacle is planning permission, then the uphill struggle to secure funding and affect the improvements before the tape is broken. Will it be to cheers or boos? At least there was unanimity and great joy that veteran Councillor John Drinkwater's contribution to the community was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He was congratulated by everyone.

Planning. The Parish made no representations on an extension at 18, Farley Avenue but were very unhappy with plans to demolish the old stone cottage to the rear of 7, Farm Street and replace it with a modern extension.

Enforcement action at Crown Cottage resulted in alteration of the multi-coloured paving which had been covered over with tarmac. The Enforcement Officer would be asked to look at residential caravans behind Brethren's Farm Barn (at Kestrel House); at the Water Tower; Tresco and Home Farm Barn, where the raised roof level was also a problem.

The Council will purchase two new Dog Fouling signs at a cost of £3.50 each, including installation. Janet Thornley pressed for more 'Fido' bins



on the top playing field. She offered the services of the Youth Club, under Parish Councillors' supervision, to fill in the hollows in the Playing Fields. Cllr Middleton reported that an area of turf from the fields had been stolen (was it used to repair the goal mouths?) A complaint from a Margaret Close resident that someone had forced entry into their garden would be passed on to the Junior Football Club.

New Cllr Alan Wilkins reported that the Leicester Close garages were subject to subsidence but presented no immediate problem. South Warwickshire Housing Association was reviewing all its garage provision.

Ken Stephenson reported that at long last he had received an acceptable quotation for providing a cut-off switch for the Car Park lights, but could not tell his colleagues when the work would be started.

The 'Windsor' lights had been topped and would soon be painted. The Parish Council wanted to install more and would look to the District Council for an Enhancement Grant.

The Post Office proposed installing a 1940s Pillar Box to replace the one in Church Street.

Sharon Hancock was concerned that the Give Way lines at Manor Orchard Close were still confusing.

John Drinkwater wanted the Laurel Hedge in Wagstaffe Close cut back and Bill Middleton was disgusted that the vegetation at the Middle Road junction had not been cut.

The Parish agreed grants of £1,000 to the Village Hall to help replace external doors; up to £365 to the Millennium Group for one string of lights and £100 to help publish the next edition of the Blue Lias Rings Walks which runs through Harbury.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY SOCIETY**

Our Committee member and friend Joan Clarke died last week after a short illness.

Our Carnival Stall was a great success and attracted crowds of people all afternoon. We took about £80 from sales of books, maps and prints. My thanks to Tim and everyone who helped.

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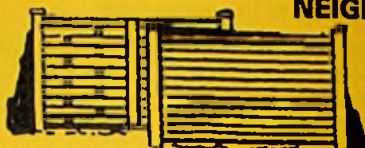
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The display and quiz were a good draw and kept people puzzling throughout the show. Most of the photographs were eventually identified but very few people managed to work out the location of the small half-timbered cottage in the picture with the pre-war village lads. Indeed poor Carl Wallington could still be searching for it!

The answer was Pool Farm Cottage, the home of Pete and Pearl Sheasby, in Temple End opposite the Old New Inn Green. The timber framing of the upper storey has been rendered over and the thatch replaced. The Hodge family got most questions correct but the competition was right behind them. As the formula was so successful we hope to repeat it at the next Carnival, so keep looking at the village.

The latest pub walk was a most pleasant sociable stroll along the Leam from Newbold Comyn on a beautiful midsummer's evening with the sun shining and the birds singing. There were no stiles, for Celia Barrett's benefit and we walked at a gentle pace, ending at the pub for a drink, chips and a chat. Well done Ed and John!

The next event is our Fund Raising Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August** from 10am till 12noon. We will need volunteers, cakes and raffle prizes. Please help in some way if you possibly can.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

As usual, the Carnival was a fun day and the weather behaved itself. Having said that, we, of course, did not - with our entry 'The Alternative W.I. Calendar'! We are pleased to report that we got a 1<sup>st</sup> for 'A Walking Tableau' and in the fancy dress.

We all agreed that this was for a dear member, Sheila Smith, usually with us, but who sadly passed away a few days before the Carnival.

The cakes were a sell out and many thanks to Sandra Leigh, Nora Ellis, June Sharp and Dorothy Groves for organising and manning the stall. We must not forget the cake makers who always 'come up trumps'.

The speaker in June was Mr. Paul Tronson, speaking on Restoration and Conservation of Antiquarian Books. He has many qualifications as a Restorer and his speciality is 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century bookbinding and print

finishing. He has restored many old books for museums and private collectors and he brought some along to show his great talent. Using original methods, ancient formulae and period techniques, plus his own he restores covers to look like new and vice versa. He uses the finest materials and many of his tools are very old. The gilding in gold leaf is superb, along with his copies of the original hand marbled patterns used in the inner covers.

The remains of an old book were shown which had been completely covered with plastic tape and inside, brown paper tape. The pages were mottled with damp, some torn and with pieces missing. Photos were shown of the finished book and it was as new. Mr. Tronson is steeped in his work and says he finds nothing too impossible to tackle. It is hoped that he will pass his skills on so that they can be continued, as some techniques are known only to him.

A visit to Yew Tree Craft Centre at Wootton Wawen near Stratford sounds good.

July Hostesses: Eileen Picken, Doreen Bloxham and Mary Entwistle.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - LEARNING THROUGH PLAY**

There are now 26 children in the village who have a fervent desire to be fire-fighters following the Pre-School's annual visit to Leamington Spa fire station. When we arrived, we were shown a video about naughty Frances Firefly who played with matches, thereby burning herself and rendering the entire firefly forest into charcoal briquettes. The solemn message to the children was "don't play with matches". The children were then told to cover their ears because a call-out was coming through. Amazingly enough it was to the Wight School in Harbury, which was very exciting until the firemen explained that this was just a practice.

The children clambered into hats, coats and boots, which completely swamped them - they were just walking uniforms. For most of the children (and Diane), the high point of the morning was training in the use of the fire hose, although a close second was the opportunity to climb inside the fire engine while parents tried on breathing apparatus - for educational reasons obviously! We all had a wonderful time and are

very grateful to the friendly, kind and patient fire-fighters who looked after us.

We were so relieved that Carnival Day stayed fine. We feared that we had tempted fate too far by relying on a good weather forecast earlier in the week and deciding not to build a roof on the float. Needless to say, the weather forecast changed the very next day! Our thanks to all parents and friends for their effort and ingenuity in the creation of our Peter Pan float and to the staff for going where few parents dared in their costumes! In particular we would like to thank Steve Brough and Tom Butler for their brilliant design and realisation of Captain Hook's ship.

We were also quite glad that there was enough of a chill in the air on Carnival Day to prompt hundreds of people to consume hot dogs. Thank you all for your support. We raised over £300 and yes, this means we have reached our total of £850 in eight months and will be buying new chairs and tables for the Pre-School! We have arranged to sell even more hot dogs at the Family Day in support of Myton Hospice on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. We know a lot of families will be going to this, so if you could spare some time to distribute sausages, that would be great. Please contact Marie Coleman on 612959 as soon as possible.

Our open afternoon went well and it was good to meet some new faces and renew acquaintance with more familiar ones. Mrs. Harris visited the Pre-School to greet some of the children who will be going into her reception class next year (as well as the younger children and various brothers and sisters who decided this was an exciting thing to be involved in!) We're planning our annual outing in July and we're hoping to have a Pre-School/Nursery picnic in the summer to help maintain contact and friendships during the break - more on this just as soon as we've had some meetings to organise it all.

**Harbury Pre-School Committee**

## **HARBURY PTA**

Just two reminders about some forthcoming events:

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** the ever popular Summer Fair takes place at the School, starting at 4:30pm. There will be lots of exciting stalls, with everything from the Tin Tombola to the Penalty Shoot Out.



We are always in need of helpers at the Fair (particularly face painters this year!). If you can give up an hour of your time during the Fair, please ring Helen Manley, 614127.

Then on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** the first PTA Beer Walk will be staged, starting at the School at 11:30am. It is an all day ramble through the countryside with beer stops for beer drinkers at 10 available watering holes en route and a barbecue at the end. If 10 miles is too much for you, why not intercept the walkers at one of the pubs? More details and entry forms from Ewen Austin on 614200 or any Harbury pub. See you there!

Alan Guy

## **H A R B U R Y C A R N I V A L 1999**



1999 Carnival Queen, Sarah Roe, who is aged 9 and  
Carnival King, Rickie McMahon, aged 11.

This year it was decided that the selection of the Carnival King and Queen would be from children attending Harbury Primary School. The children themselves voted for the King and Queen and Rickie and Sarah were the elected couple. The Carnival Committee would like to congratulate them for looking superb on Carnival Day and carrying out their duties in a truly regal manner.

## Wheelbarrow Race

This year, even with a much reduced number of entrants at only six teams, the wheelbarrow race still managed to draw the crowds and was a most enjoyable day. This year's race commenced at The Old New Inn and the atmosphere was charged with fierce competition between the teams coupled with much good humour. We were very pleased that 'Honest Cecil' was able to be with us this year as he always adds to the fun and does an excellent job as 'Bookie', for which we are very grateful.



Once again, Carl Wallington and Steve Evans were the winners with a time of 10 minutes and 20 seconds. This is the fourth year in succession they have triumphed and we offer them our congratulations.

Our thanks to Sandra and Brian for allowing us to use the car park at The Old New Inn and to the other Licensees for providing the beer for the competitors. We would also like to thank everyone who took part and hope to see more teams competing in the year 2000!

'Honest Cecil' in action for the Wheelbarrow race

## Carnival Week Pub Games

This year the games again consisted of Boules, Skittles, Test of Strength and a Quiz. Four teams competed and the result was as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: The Shakespeare with 15 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Dog Inn and Twinning Association with 13 points each and
- 4<sup>th</sup>: The Theatre Group with 12 points.

Many thanks to all those who competed and everyone who helped with the organisation, especially the Licensees for allowing us to use their premises. These events are a lot of fun and not seriously competitive (so they say!) and if any group or organisation would like to join in next year they would be very welcome.

## HARBURY C.





# CARNIVAL 1999



### Ferret racing

An additional event this year for Carnival week was ferret racing - was this a first for Harbury? It was held in the car park of The Shakespeare (thank you to Andrew and Carole) on the Saturday before the Carnival. Although the weather could have been better, it was still a huge success and we hope to stage this event again later in the year. Unfortunately, 'Honest Cecil' was unable to join us (it was Derby Day after all) but Pete and Luke Woodward stepped in at the last minute and ran a very successful Tote and for this we are extremely grateful.

Many thanks also to the ferret owners, Paul Fryer and Kevin Green, and PC&D for the loan of the pipes.

**Dan Killian**



Ferrets see 'light at the end of the tunnel' on Carnival day  
 Back row, left to right: Gerald Fryer, Mike & Liz McBride,  
 Mark Bloxham and Paul Fryer  
 Front row: Kevin Green and Joe van Hooerebeck

***Editors' Note: On Carnival Day, Mike and Liz McBride organised a follow up event, involving more ferret owners: Mark Bloxham and Joe van Hooerebeck.***

## HARBURY CARNIVAL JUNE 12TH, 1999

Well, despite a somewhat heavy downpour overnight, which made the field a little boggy, we at last had a fine day for the Carnival. We were grateful for John Hancock's attention to safety matters as illustrated by the accompanying photo.



The event was well supported all round. The entries of floats and walking groups, the procession (during which some £300 was collected – well done everybody) and the afternoon on the field. Ricky McMahon and Sarah Roe were fabulous as our King and Queen. All the sums have not yet been done, but it looks like we will again be able to donate somewhere in the region of £1,000 to the Village Hall. It was a great day and our thanks go to you all for making it such a success.

The prize winners on the day were:

### Procession

#### Decorated Float

1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Line Dancers

2<sup>nd</sup> Bush Heath Lane/Manor Rd 3<sup>rd</sup> Butt Ends

#### Decorated Float (Trade)

1<sup>st</sup> The Dog Inn

#### Children's Float

1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Pre School

2<sup>nd</sup> Harbury Nursery School

#### Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

1<sup>st</sup> Dan Killian and Friends

#### Hose-drawn/Mounted/Led

1<sup>st</sup> Crockets Gypsy Rovers

2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Soden and Eve Smart

#### Walking Tableau Children

1<sup>st</sup> Rollason Family

2<sup>nd</sup> Hunt Family

3<sup>rd</sup> Beavers

#### Walking Tableau Adults

1<sup>st</sup> WI

2<sup>nd</sup> John and Linda Ridgley

3<sup>rd</sup> David Megeney and Adam Brain

#### Walking Child

1<sup>st</sup> Ben Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Clarke

3<sup>rd</sup> Charity Barnett

Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup) Tom Morten

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup) Peter Rollason



## Fancy Dress

Under 5yrs	1 <sup>st</sup> Poppy and Lillian Woods	8-10yrs	1 <sup>st</sup> Alistair Rollason
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thomas Conway		2 <sup>nd</sup> Harriet Randall
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lois French		3 <sup>rd</sup> Ryan Overton
5-7yrs	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob Hunt	11-17yrs	1 <sup>st</sup> Beth Whalley and Charlotte Coleman
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Katy Holroyd		2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Hawkins
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charity Barnett		3 <sup>rd</sup> Katrina Rollason

Adult Group: 1<sup>st</sup> WI, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rollason Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> The Dog

Adult: 1<sup>st</sup> Moira Rollason, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Robbins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Ridgley

All the entries were so good we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job well done, so thank you to Dave Andrews, Muriel Coupe and John Hunt (Procession) and Muriel Grey and Joan Lodge (Fancy Dress).

Some other Thank Yous are in order – to Tony Ceney, who as usual did a great job as MC, to Bob Jenkins and his team of programme sellers, to Carol Bastin for her help organising the procession (and the judges!) and to all those who helped set up the field the night before and clean up afterwards. Thank you all very much.

There were two items of lost property, an umbrella and a wallet (empty!). Please contact Gill Thorpe on 613801 if they are yours.

Finally, we hope everybody enjoyed the day – we certainly did and are now looking forward to next year's event.

**John Broomfield**

## **HARBURY SCHOOL - Visit to Samois-sur-Seine, 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May**

At the end of May, the first major visit by Harbury children to Samois-sur-Seine took place. The visit was organised at this end by Martine Jenkins and myself on behalf of the Harbury Twinning Association who kindly contributed towards the cost of the trip.

With a couple of exceptions, the 25 children who went were from the School's Y5 and Y6 classes (10 to 11 year olds). I must thank the 12 parents who supervised their own and others' children on the trip as it would not have been possible to go without their help.

We all stayed at UCPA, an outdoor activities' centre set in many acres of grass and trees between the Seine and the Fontainebleau Forest about 5 miles from Samois. During the stay, the children took part in a lot of

outdoor activities: pony riding, archery, mountain biking in the forest, a football match, and visits in and around Samois. They made new friends, visited their counterparts at the local school and learned about the environment of Samois village, in particular the magnificent forest surrounding it.

We asked the children to write their impressions of their stay. Some examples follow.

**Alan Guy**

### **HARBURY - SAMOIS-SUR-SEINE**

On the way to France it was very restful because everyone was tired. We set off at the crack of dawn, 5:00am. On the ferry it was very calm. When we got to Samois it was very hot.

First I was shown to my room in the sports centre. I started to unpack. The best activity was pony riding and I also liked archery.

We did mini Olympics with the French children. There was not a winner in it, it was just for fun.

We went to bed at ten o'clock. We also went swimming in a lake twice and the second time I went in deeper water.

The last day I did archery and I got the arrow on to the middle of the board once. One shot went behind the net and into the water!

The trip home was good because George found a video called Home Alone 3 and we watched that. When we got onto the ferry the sea was very rough, but we got back safely.

A few days after I got home I received a letter from my pen pal Jean Baptiste.

By Danny Wilcock

On 26<sup>th</sup> May some children from Harbury (aged 9-11 years) visited a village in France called Samois-sur-Seine. This was to see what it was like and how it compared with Harbury, because as you probably know, Harbury is twinned with Samois.

The weather was really hot and every day we went to the square to get an ice lolly. One evening we went to the school in Samoia. There was a big buffet and we danced and played with some of the French children. We also swam in the lake a few times and visited a Chateau, which was very interesting. The French people made us all feel very welcome.



The bar in Samoia square: a chance to cool down and meet the local boys

By the end of the five days, I think everyone was really tired, but we all had a really good time in Samoia. I would like to thank all the adults who went along and helped to make this a special holiday.

By Elizabeth Kelly (Y6)

The game set off at a terrific pace, with Harbury's Tom Hughes linking up well with James Armitage to produce a frighteningly good effort which hit the post.

Samoia's most dangerous player by far was their number 10 who had several chances, but was stopped in his tracks by the tough Harbury defence, led by Lee Betteley and supported by Katy Grimshaw and Ben Linnet in mid field. Again the deadly duo of James Armitage and Tom Hughes linked up, this time producing a goal. Tom was the provider, setting up James who struck a well placed effort in the bottom left hand



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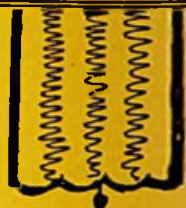


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corner. There were no other main events in the first half as Harbury held a slim but well deserved half time lead.

Samois made some foolish changes, mainly in defence. Harbury capitalised on their errors, producing a second goal, this time set up by Sam Wilkins, as James Armitage added his second of the match. Harbury had other chances, but couldn't put them away. Finally the breakthrough was made and yes, you've guessed it, James Armitage completed his hat-trick which again was assisted by Tom Hughes.

Jonathan Guy's terrier-like tackles at the back kept the Samois strike-force at bay. He was ably assisted by Elizabeth Kelly and Chris Darby. Sam Wilkins almost added a fourth with a shot from distance, stinging the fingertips of the Samois keeper. A quick counter attack from Samois led James Grimshaw, in the Harbury goal-mouth, to take evasive action making a wonderful save from point blank range, turning it around the post for a corner. The corner fell to a Samois player whose reaction shot made the net bulge 3-1! Was it over yet?



**The two football teams after the match**

Tom Hughes had a bounding shot from long distance forcing goalie to make an acrobatic save, but the ball fell to the feet of Jack Hawkes who cheekily 'nutmegged' the keeper to make it 4-1. Harbury had won it for





sure. At the end of the match the proud captain Katy Grimshaw lifted the trophy as the crowd of Harbury fans cheered in delight.

By Tom Hughes and James Armitage

*Editors' Note: Further articles and photographs about the Samois trip will be included in next month's magazine.*

Harbury's football captain, Katy Grimshaw, and manager, Andy Betteley celebrate their win together with Robert Mar, Samois Football Club

## THURSDAY CLUB

The outing to Redditch is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**, leaving Harbury at 10:00am and arriving home at around 6:00pm.

There are some seats remaining for this outing. The cost is £9.50 inclusive of admission to the Needle Museum, tea/coffee and biscuits, and lunch at the Palace Pantry. Anyone interested, please contact Beryl Checkley, 612519.

The Thursday Club is also in need of a Booking Secretary, to arrange speakers. A good source of speakers is available. If you are able to help, again please contact Beryl.

**Beryl Checkley**

## PARISH HOLIDAY TO OBERAMMERGAU - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000

This includes a performance of the Passion Play and a stay in the Austrian Tyrol. Two tickets have become available. For full details please contact Beryl Checkley, 612519.

**Beryl Checkley**

## **HARBURY CRICKET CLUB - May/June**

The Season has not begun with spectacular success. There have been some exciting games, but the weather has been cold and damp. The permanent wicket has proved a real advantage in saving games, but it is very unfortunate that the League insist on cancelling games rather than playing on an artificial wicket.

The Sunday XI are becoming experts at drawing matches. Against Willoughby on May 2<sup>nd</sup> it was a game of fits and starts. The new permanent wicket was in use for the fourth time this season. Harbury opened very slowly with only 27 for 1 on the board after 19 overs but accelerated to 117 for 3 after 37 overs. John Clifford accumulated a faultless and patient 53, with John Wilkinson (18), Les Sollis (26) and Phil Linnett (15) adding to the score. Harbury then collapsed to 145 all out, with four batsmen not bothering the scorers. Willoughby opened confidently, but although later batsmen struggled against John Clifford (13-0-49-4), they eventually cruised to a 3 wicket victory (146-7) with time to spare. John Clifford was clearly Harbury's man of the match.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> the game between a mature Harbury side and a youthful Kinton team was dominated by a damp wicket with some uneven bounce and a strong cross-wind. Kinton reached 136 for 7 by tea. None of the Harbury bowlers achieved a breakthrough. Harbury's innings started well but none of the recognised batsmen seemed able to cope with the conditions and the Kinton bowling was often challenging. However, Gary Lowe (9\*), who retired hurt, showed considerable commitment, and veteran Ian (Stonewall) Jackson produced a tenacious 17 not out, to see Harbury through to a draw on 99 for 6. Even by their normal standards, Harbury were notable more for the number of self inflicted injuries than for the quality of their cricket. Phil Holtom's superb acrobatic diving catch was a champagne moment, which will be talked about for many years in Harbury's pubs.

We will draw a veil over Harbury's match against Barford (May 16<sup>th</sup>) which was notable for the ease with which the opposition wiped out the Harbury batting.

On May 30<sup>th</sup> Ettington opened steadily. However, Harbury stuck to their task with some incisive bowling from Ian Lowe (3-47) and some

good fielding. Ettington reached 119 for 5 after 26 overs when the monsoon arrived and the match was abandoned.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> touring side, Pinner Victorians opened in a lively manner, but the Harbury bowlers kept up the attack dismissing the last 6 batsmen for 4 runs. Pinner finished on 163 all out; with the bowling honours going to John Clifford with 6-42 off 14 overs and Ian Lowe 3-60 off 19. Harbury started well with Les Sollis 20 (including three sixes), and Phil Linnett 25, but the batting faded and slowed, forcing Harbury to play out a draw on 103 for 6. The match was notable for featuring the return of Harbury stalwart Brian Wallington - as safe as ever in the field - who played for the tourists alongside relation Dave Hiles, who was coached in his youth by Harbury's long time former groundsman, Bunny Raby.

On 13<sup>th</sup> June Harbury's game against Hockley Heath was the first match without waterproofs and thermal vests. Harbury started erratically with two early batsmen out cheaply, but John Clifford (36) and Ian Lowe with a swift 57 steadied the ship supported by Ian Jackson with another slow 17. Harbury reached 162 for 9 declared at tea. Hockley fell apart to 6 for 2 under a sustained Harbury attack led by Ian Lowe 5-24. They pulled the innings round in the middle period but Ian Lowe, John Clifford (2-12) and Richard Lowe (2-25) mopped up and Hockley were all out for 81 to give Harbury a good win and Ian Lowe the man of the match award.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, in a match sponsored by the Old New Inn, Kissing Tree House CC batted first with their usual style - bowling is meant to be hit - to take the teatime score to 233 for 8 off 38 overs. Harbury's bowlers toiled hard but were not helped by dropped catches. Richard Lowe took a creditable 4 for 93 off 15 overs, and Phil (Warnie) Linnett chipped in with a wristy 2 for 50 off 9. Harbury's reply was nipped in the bud by some aggressive bowling and superb early catching by Kissing Tree, which saw the dismissal of Harbury's main batsmen. Although Richard Lowe scored a swift 16, by the time Harbury reached 78 for 5, skipper Daniels decided to go for the draw, with Harbury finishing on 110-7 off 38 overs.

Meanwhile, the League side have had an uneven start in Coventry League Division Three now renamed West Midlands Division Six East. On May Day they achieved 201-5 against Nuneaton Old Eds. with some



hard hitting from Will Russell (66) and Ed Russell (52\*) - ably supported by Paul Bennett (21) and John Wilkinson (20\*). Ed Russell then bowled with blistering pace to take 6-19 and with Zak Briggs taking 2-3 Old Eds. crashed to 78 all out.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> Harbury restricted Belle Vue to 165-6 off 50 overs with Zak Briggs taking 5-37, but a batting collapse saw Harbury all out for 92. The problems for the League side continued the following week when in spite of a superb effort by skipper Will Russell (4-25 bowling and 35 batting) they lost to Newbold by 4 wickets. (Harbury 113 all out, Newbold 114-6).

On June 5<sup>th</sup> Kenilworth Wardens scraped to 70-9 with Will Russell taking 3-25 and Ed Russell 3-22, but the League side collapsed to 69 all out to lose the match.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June West Indian Wanderers amassed 198, and in spite of good knocks from Seb Briggs (35) and Mike Owen (31), Harbury were beaten on 137 by 61 runs. This match was sponsored by Carr Building Services. A week later in spite of a severe shortage of players, Harbury managed to defeat Cleveland from Nuneaton.

Harbury Midweek side - the holders - under new Skipper Tim Clayton, crashed out of the Midweek Cup when they were defeated by Warwick Folk by nine wickets. Harbury scored only 67-8 (Will Russell 25 and Phillips 24). However, in the alternative Mid-week Cup Harbury reached 160 for 3 with Will Russell 74 and Ed Russell 67 to defeat Bishops Tachbrook (123-4) by 37 runs with a useful 2-20 by Neil Maunder.

**Ian Jackson**

## **HARBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - U11s**

The U11s team have had a better than hoped for season. We finally finished a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> position in the Woodford & District League, bearing in mind this was the boys' first season in a competitive league. The team played 14 games, winning 6, drawing 3 and losing 5. We were the third highest goal scorers with 58 goals, only 3 behind the league champions.

The highlight of the season was reaching the League Plate final in May,

a game that we won 2-1 over Queensway of Banbury.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Presentation evening for all the age groups at the Village Hall. The U11s awards were as follows:

Player of the Year:	Adam Johnson and Charlie Neal
Clubman of the Year:	Carl Hanson
Most Improved Player:	Sam Wilkins
Top Goal Scorer:	Neil Hudson
Steve Wilkins Cup:	Philip Mugleston

All the boys that took part in the season were presented with medals. Next season the team will be entered in the U12s and hopefully we should do even better.

Drayton Grange 6-a-Side Tournament: Held at Daventry on 12<sup>th</sup> June. We played 4, W1, D1, L2. Well done to the eight boys who took part: Rory Cook, Neil Hudson, Tom Hughes, Adam Johnson, Philip Mugleston, Charlie Neal, Sam and Thomas Wilkins.

Coffee Morning, June 5<sup>th</sup>: Many thanks to all those Mums who helped on the morning, baked cakes and donated raffle prizes. The total raised towards club funds was £145.

Quality Shield Tournament: The results so far are:  
vs Bishops Itchington W 4-1 (Rory Cook 4)  
vs Stratford Sports W 3-1 (Rory Cook, Adam Johnson 2)

*N.B. If there are any boys who are interested in playing next season, please contact either John Wilkins (612115) or Steve Wilkins (614574).*

**Steve Wilkins**

## **SONGS FOR A SUMMER's EVENING**

Another evening of well known songs from the Shows, similar to last year's very enjoyable concert, will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Tickets will be £5 each to include a glass of wine and a light supper, available from: Liz Bunting, 612450, Ruth Dodds, 612529 and Wendy Stubbs, 612782. Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Tom Hauley Room, which is now an integral part of village life and needs constant care.

**Liz Bunting**

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## **RED CROSS COLLECTION WEEK**

On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank everyone for giving so generously in helping to raise £720. Also a big thank you to all my hard working team of collectors.

**Anne Lambert**

## **HARBURY BLUES FESTIVAL**

A fantastic evening of live music on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July** in Harbury Rugby Club. Five live bands will play Blues in many guises from 4 'til late. Entertainment for all the family in the afternoon followed by music and dancing into the night. All proceeds will be donated to Myton Hospice.

Come along for a lazy summer's afternoon and evening. Tickets (£10 in advance, £12.50 on the door) are limited so please ring Nicky Lewis on 815196 or Andy Pittaway on 814323 to reserve yours. Alternatively, buy them from Kathleen Ellis, Hair Design in Chapel Street.

**Nicky Lewis**

## **THE WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION - FIRST PRIZE (Adult section)**

The Warwick and Leamington Festival has included a poetry competition in this year's programme, inviting poems whose setting or theme was some recognisable aspect of Warwickshire. The first prize in the adult section has been awarded to a Harbury resident for her poem *Postcard from Hungry Harbury*.

Joanna Watson has lived in Harbury since 1985. Many people in Harbury supported Joanna in various ways when she spent three years



working as an unsalaried public health doctor in Romania 1991–1994. Despite having almost been put off poetry for life at school, she began writing poetry shortly after her return from Romania. Her poetry has been widely published in UK magazines and journals, from *Orbis* to *The Lancet*; and she has now had work accepted in the USA. This year Joanna has also won first prize in the Association of Christian Writers' national poetry competition.

### **Postcard from Hungry Harbury**

Rectangular, it lies unposted, glossy  
front divided into quarters, back  
half-written, stamped anticipation.

*Hereburgh's Iron Age settlement sends greetings.*

Viewed from the ground in honeysuckle frame,  
the haunted mill – top right – with amputated arms  
reclines its red-brick trunk against the sapphire sky  
wisped white. *I miss your hugs.*

A water pump on shadow-dappled green  
now rests redundant— lower left. The cross  
is wreathed with names. *Remember how we grappled  
with the future on that bench of oak?*

From bottom right, The Dog Inn beams its charms  
at gabled cottages of thatch and limestone;  
pavements tidied, ariels spun fine  
as spiders' knitting. *Dreams are brittle bones.*

Top left: the church displays its Norman side  
through chestnut besoms; graveyard daisies  
angled out of sight. A red-mouthed pillar gapes  
for letters, truth beyond the picturesque—

the shit-pocked verges, sewage plant... *I wonder  
whether... village gossip, litter... what we had...  
cracked walls, chipped tiles... might be repaired;  
untimely ends... endangered farms... rewritten?*

**Joanna Watson**

## GETTING VERY WET IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Months ago (in the May H & L News to be exact), I rashly said I was going off with two other madmen to "climb Everest" in the Lake District at half-term! And even more rashly, a number of good people of Harbury offered to sponsor me.



Well, we did it. With my old school-friend Chris for the first half of the week, the weather ranged from fair to fabulous - a lot better than in Warwickshire, we later discovered! It was so good that on Tuesday (Scafell / Bowfell / Crinkle Crag), we actually climbed a bit extra.

Then at midday on the Wednesday, Chris handed over the torch/baton/poisoned chalice to my Scottish cousin Graham. That afternoon, the top of Skiddaw was not a good place to be! We were bent double just to stay upright. With eyes tight shut, we couldn't see if it was rain or hail coming horizontally at us, but it certainly felt like hail. There were only three other beings out there - two girl students monitoring footpath erosion who soon got washed away, and a runner who sped past us and disappeared.

On Thursday the visibility being what it was, we made a modification to the "set" route. We still managed to climb 4 out of that day's 6 peaks

and with the height gained on Tuesday we were actually still on schedule. But Brandreth and more importantly Pillar remain as unfinished business. Friday was (again!) very wet, but by now we were among the gentler hills west of Derwentwater. We couldn't see much until nearly home, but that last hour was glorious - Wandhope and Whiteless Pike and down to Buttermere.

The worst bit? The storm on Skiddaw.

The scariest bit? A very windy Sharp Edge on Blencathra earlier the same day.

The weirdest bit? The solitary red boot we came across on our first day, on Ill Bell in the High Street range. We could only speculate how it came to be there, until on the next summit we saw a walker lying propped up on his rucksack which had an apparently matching red boot tied to it. We told him what we'd seen, expecting him to be rather interested. Instead, he said a lot of stuff we couldn't understand - except for one word which he repeated quite a lot and which wasn't very polite. Was he saying we should have brought his lost property with us? We really couldn't tell. When he started unlacing his remaining boot (to ditch both boots and save one lace???) we left him to it. He didn't seem to be having a good day!

The funniest bit? As we set off from the top of Scafell Pike in heavy cloud on Tuesday afternoon, Chris broke into song, as he sometimes did after lunch. As we passed a dry-stone wind-break some voices from the cloud said "Somebody's happy!". Chris's reply along the lines of "Well, you've got to be, haven't you?" must have struck a chord, because as we went further down the path we could hear behind us a muffled hillside choir singing The Happy Wanderer!

The best bits?

- Crinkle Crags in wonderful visibility (Tuesday)
- the drink(s) at Wasdale Head with just one day to go (Thursday)
- the last bit down to Buttermere and finish (Friday).

And a big "thank you" to:

- our wives, who made a fantastic support party
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And what about the money it will raise for Oxfam's projects in Nepal? It's not all counted yet, but I can reveal that the kind people of Harbury have helped raise over £500. Thank you!

**Andrew Patrick**

### **MILLENNIUM ART EXHIBITION**

It is proposed to hold a village art exhibition in the Tom Hauley Room as part of the millennium celebrations, during the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2000. This is being planned to coincide with the church flower festival 'Flowers 2000', which it is anticipated will attract many people. There are a good number of people in Harbury who paint/draw/print/sculpt/ carve, etc. and this is intended to be a celebration of, and showcase for, their talent. It may be possible to serve refreshments, so clearly there is potential for a large number of visitors.

To help gauge the level of interest, please contact me on 613207 if you think you would like to show some work. Why not do something specially? You have almost 12 months to get it right! A rich and varied show would be best, so get out those paints/pens/inks/pastels/chisels, etc. then give me a call.

Similarly, if you feel able to help with the planning and organisation of the exhibition I would like to hear from you. There are various aspects that need to be addressed and the sooner a small group of helpers can get together, the better.

**Lesley Jones**

### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The outing to Kew Gardens was a great success. The morning started quite cool and dull, but the day improved and it didn't rain once, so taking all those umbrellas worked! The many acres of Kew are packed



with interesting features and of course plants, and the time flew, in fact there was far too much to see in one visit.

We also took our umbrellas to Boughton House for the evening outing - they worked again! The gardens were lovely, in fact a collection of individual ones, much use of parterre in more than one, perennials, also many beautiful features. Thank you Judy for arranging both trips.

Tickets for the Colegrave visit have arrived, so if you have paid, but have not yet got them, please contact Mrs. Eleanor Zonik 612365. Believe it or not, the time has come to collect the trophies and cups to be engraved for the next Village Show on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Please find them out, give them a final polish, either Ron or I will collect them, or if you are going on holiday, please give them to Julie Clarke, 32 South Parade, or any committee member.

The Open Gardens Weekend is approaching quickly, again we need some reasonable weather, I don't think it could be much worse than last year, on the other hand I suppose it could have rained heavily on both days. All we can do is hope for the best. Anybody who has plants to sell, please deliver them to Mrs. Pat Smith, 8 Farley Avenue, labelled and priced, don't forget you have the proceeds. Programmes are now on sale at Mugleston's and Kathleen Ellis'. Then at the Village Hall on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. Please support us on our only fund raising event.

**Muriel Grey**

## **GARDENING NOTES**

Three fine days and a thunderstorm seems to be the summer so far. Perhaps this month will bring some 'sitting in the garden weather'!

After the longest day, changes take place in plants' structure. Many stems of herbaceous plants grow more woody and cuttings taken now should root more readily. Do not use a compost which contains plenty of fertiliser as this can cause cuttings to rot. A gritty or sandy mix is best for most plants. We forget that plants have a certain life span and expect them to be eternal. Growing cuttings for new plants is a way of giving them that eternity.

Dead heading flowers is another way to persuade the plants to produce

more flowers and ultimately to set seeds. Pinks and carnations, osteospermums and roses, and the majority of the summer bedding plants should receive this treatment.

Short lived plants such as iris keep growing outwards and so get weaker. Discard the centre portion and cut off newer pieces of rhizome from the outer growth. Each piece should have young shoots and a fan of leaves, cut off the top two thirds and plant this shorn piece so that the roots alone are in the soil. Miserable they may look for a few weeks, but the roots gradually firmly anchor the plant.

Herbs for drying should be picked now, just before they bloom. Try drying flowers from the borders too, for winter arrangements. Put house plants outside for the summer, but remember to water them.

### Plant of the month - Salvias

This family of over 700 provides more than the bright red salvia splendens seen so often in park bedding schemes. Salvia, in Latin, is akin to 'salve' and salvia officinalis, usually known as the herb, sage, has been credited with the power to cure the harm of stingrays, dye the hair, and even 'render men immortal'. This may have accounted for its planting on graves. The varieties of sage can be planted in the herb bed or in the borders for lovely foliage effect.

For flowers look for the blue salvia patens or purple salvia superb. This and salvia turkestanica look good on into autumn. Many salvias have flowers and colourful bracts which are long lasting. Best known of these is clary or salvia sclasea.

Many of the salvias are native to hot dry countries, Mexico, Greece, Spain, North Africa, so they will not last through our cold wet winters, but varieties of salvia superba and salvia pratensis with its lavender flowers should survive here.

**Pat Smith**

## **FOUND**

Boy's/man's watch on Tennis courts on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
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# Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*May we through you magazine, say our deep thanks for the floral tributes and kind messages of sympathy following the death of a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Many, many thanks.*

*Jim, Sue, Steve and Barbara Smith*

*Dear Editors*

*We would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the kind messages, cards, flowers and donations on the sad loss of Vera. Thank you Father Roy Brown for a lovely service.*

*Dennis Newbery and Family*

*Dear Editors*

*My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards and letters when our mother died. I am sure it is not only the family who miss her. It was my mother's request that only family attended the crematorium, but Father Brown is holding a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. It would be so nice to see all our mother's friends at this special service, if you can make it.*

*Patrick Clarke*

*Dear Editors*

*I would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers and expressions of good wishes that I received during my recent sojourn in hospital and subsequent convalescence.*

*The knowledge that so many friends were thinking of me helped me through a traumatic period. Thank you all again.*

*Edna Chapple*



*Dear Editors*

*I would like to express my own and I am sure others', sincere thanks to the Senior Citizens' Committee for the outing to Bath last month. Bath must be one of England's most beautiful cities, first built by the Romans around the natural hot springs and later in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century being developed by the like of Beau Nash and Robert Adams, it became the elegant and stylish town we see today.*

*With the Abbey, Roman Baths, Pump Room and Assembly Rooms to visit, the five hours we had to spend before our coach returned was all too short, but the return journey via the Cotswolds and our 'refreshment' stop at Stow completed a grand day.*

*Once again may I congratulate the committee, Johnson's Coaches and in particular Margaret Taylor for making this a most memorable outing.*

**Ralph Swadling**

*Dear Editors*

*I should like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the many residents of Harbury who have either sent their congratulations by telephone, by post or spoken to me personally on the occasion of my recent award of the MBE. The support I received to make this recognition possible, from the Chairman and past and present members of Harbury Parish Council is much appreciated.*

*My sincere hope is that I can be of service to the village and Parish Council for a little longer.*

**John Drinkwater**

*Dear Editors*

*Many thanks to all the locals who voted at the recent European elections - and especial thanks to those who voted Conservative!*

*As you will know, Conservatives won four out of the eight West Midlands seats, and Harbury has at last got its very own MEP. Someone suggested afterwards that my priority should be to move the*

wine lake to the village .... I won't tell who, but it's certainly an idea!

If and when there are European issues of particular concern, do please get in touch. Meanwhile, I'll send the odd 'Letter from Brussels' so you know what's going on.

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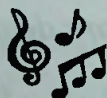
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